

## ABSTRACT

An image display unit comprising a high-resistance gap section disposed between a grounding section and the outer peripheral edge of a metal back layer so as to surround the outer peripheral edge, the high-resistance gap section having a surface roughness of 1.0 to 15.0  $\mu\text{m}$ . The high-resistance gap section can have a high-resistance coating layer with a surface resistivity of  $1 \times 10^9$  to  $1 \times 10^{15} \Omega/\square$ . The high-resistance gap section can be formed of plural regions so disposed that their surface roughness or surface resistivity sequentially increases from the inner side toward the outer side. Accordingly, surface discharge from the outer peripheral edge of a metal back layer is restricted to prevent the destruction or deterioration of an electron emission element and a fluorescent surface.